

THOUGHTS
SUGGESTED ON THE BANKS OF NITH, NEAR BURNS.
RESIDE.

By William Wordsworth.

To frail to keep the lofty vow
That must have followed when his brow
Was wreathed—"The Vision" tell us how—
With holly spray,
He faltered, drifted to and fro,
And passed away.

Well might such thoughts, dear sister throned
Our minds when lingering all too long,
Over the grave of Burns we hung
In social grief—

Indulged as if it were a wrong
To seek relief.

But, leaving each unequal theme
Where gentlest judgment may mislead,
And prompt to welcome every gleam
Of good and fair,

Let us beside this limpid Stream
Breathe hopeful air.

Enough of sorrow, wretched and blight;
Think rather of those moments bright
When to the consciousness of right

His course was true,
When Wisdom prospered in his sight
And Virtue grew.

Yes freely let our hearts expand,
Freely as in youth's season bland,
When side by side, his Book in hand,

We went to stray,
Or in his nobly-pensive mood,
The Rustic seat.

Proud thoughts that Image overawes,
Before it hunches us to pause,
And ask of Nature, from what cause

And what rules
She trained her Burns to win applause
That shames the Schools.

Through busiest streets and loneliest glen
Are felt the flashes of his pen;
He rules mid winter snows, and when
Beats still their hives;

Deep in the general heart of men
His power survives.

What need of fields in some far clime,
Where Heroes, Sages, Bards sublimes,
And all that fetched the flowing rhyme

From genuine springs,
Shall dwelt together till old Time
Folds up his wings?

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A LEGEND OF LIFE AND LOVE.

A very cheerful and fallacious doctrine is that which teaches to deny the yielding to natural feelings, righteously directed, because the consequences may be trouble and grief, as well as satisfaction and pleasure. The man who lives on from year to year, jealous of ever placing himself in a situation where the chances can possibly turn against him—ice, as it were, surrounding his heart, and his mind too scrupulously weighing in a balance the results of giving way to any of those propensities his Creator has planted in his heart—may be a philosopher, but can never be a happy man.

Upon the banks of a pleasant river stood a cottage, the residence of an ancient man whose limbs were feeble with the weight of years and of former sorrow. In his appetites easily gratified, like the simple race of people among whom he lived, every want of existence was supplied by a few fertile acres. Those acres were filled and tended by two brothers, grandsons of the old man, and dwellers also in the cottage. The parents of the boys lay buried in a grave near by.

Nathan, the elder, had hardly seen his twentieth summer. He was a beautiful youth. Glossy hair clustered upon his head, and his cheeks were very brown from sunshine and open air. Though the eyes of Nathan were soft and liquid, like a girl's, and his cheeks swelled with a voluptuous swell, exercise and labor had developed his limbs into noble and manly proportions. The bands of humor, as they met sometimes to start off together after game upon the neighboring hills, could hardly show one among them who in comeliness, strength, or activity, might compete with the youthful Nathan.

Mark was but a year younger than his brother. He, too, had great beauty.

In course of time the ancient sickened, and knew that he was to die. Before the approach of the fatal hour, he called before him the two youths, and addressed them thus:

"The world, my children, is full of deceit. Evil men swarm in every place; and sorrow and disappointment are the fruits of intercourse with them. So wisdom is wary."

"And as the things of life are only shadows, passing like the darkness of a cloud, twine no bands of love about your hearts. For love is theicklest of the things of life. The object of our affection dies, and we therefore loathe him in agony; or perhaps the love we covet dies, and that is more painful yet."

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"Nathan ceased his brother looked up in his face like a man unto whom a simple truth had been for the first time revealed.

W. W.

ENTANGLED ACCOUNTS.—Thomas

JOHN ACCORDING, a druggist, Boston, undertakes to manage and adjust Accounts of every description.

TO those who have not been able to derive a simple and easy method of conducting this department, the advertiser, with the confidence derived from much experience, respectfully offers his services in suggesting such forms of arrangement as best suited to particular cases of business.

In complicated partnership affairs or confused and neglected accounts he pledges his best effect in all cases an equitable and indisputable adjustment.

Published and for sale by the author as above, "Jones' Principles and Practice of Book-keeping," which is equally applicable to accountants, auditors, and book-keepers, and to those who have not been able to derive a simple and easy method of conducting this department, the advertiser, with the confidence derived from much experience, respectfully offers his services in suggesting such forms of arrangement as best suited to particular cases of business.

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